

May 27, 2015

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Defendant's Name: Nicole Ramirez
Age: 27
Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 14-407
Charges: Ct. I: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Ct. II: Ingestion, 22-42-15, (M1) 1/2
Ct. III: Possession of Marijuana, 22-42-6 (M1) 1/2
Ct. IV: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 22-42A-3 (M2) 30/500
Date of Offense: October 29, 2014
Date of Indictment: November 19, 2014
Arraignment Date: January 26, 2015
Superseding Complaint: Filed on March 27, 2015
Charges: Ct. I: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Ct. II: Possession of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10
Ct. III: Possession of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10
Ct. IV: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in MV, 22-42A-3 (M2) 30/500
Ct. V: Driving with a Suspended License, 32-12-65 (2) (M2)
Arraignment Date on SC: March 30, 2015
Change of Plea Date: March 30, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. I: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Sentencing Date: May 4, 2015
Arresting Officers: Officer Aaron Tyler (NSC PD)
Officer Eric Fay (NSC PD)
Prosecutor: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

Officer Tyler stopped Ramirez for speeding 20 mph in a 15 mph zone. The vehicle Ramirez was driving also had a broken back up and break light lens. When asked for her paperwork for the vehicle and a driver's license, Ramirez indicated that she did not have these items. Ramirez admitted that her license has been expired since she was 18 years old (9 years now). Officer Tyler, identified a valid warrant for Ramirez and placed her under arrest. Several illegal and controlled drug items were found in the vehicle along with a secret compartment in the vehicle. Ramirez urine tested positive for methamphetamine.

Ramirez plead no contest to a reduced charge of misdemeanor child abuse in Dakota County, NE following the death of her infant daughter, who was 11 weeks old. Ramirez was also charged with assaulting a fellow inmate while in custody in the Dakota County jail.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On May 4, 2015, Nicole Ramirez was received the following sentences: Ct. I: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10.

- A Five (5) year suspended Execution of Sentence;
- Supervised Probation for Five (5) years;
- Obey all laws;
- Prohibited from possessing drugs or alcohol;
- Suspended 4th Amendment right against unreasonable search and seizure;
- Required to be employed or attending school;
- Required to have a mental health evaluation and follow recommendations;
- Make a minimum monthly payment towards obligations; and
- Pay the following: \$104.00 in Court Costs; \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs; \$45.00 to the SD Drug Fund; \$666.00 to the county in Court-Appointed Attorney fees.